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MOVING TO THE MUSIC - Children's entertainer and Juno Award nominee Mary Lambert paid a visit to Elk Point Library last week on her tour of northeast Alberta. Kenna Leathem and Lana St. Arnault of the Elk Point Early Childhood Development Council joined in on the fun with their children.

Lights, camera, council?

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Last week's meeting of Elk Point town council was the first ever to be videotaped, but that could become the new normal in the near future.

The March 25 meeting will not be viewed by the public, because it was just an experiment, a trial run with a camera that could tape meetings that could then be either live streamed or put on the town's website for public viewing. The concept would fit in with the town's public engagement policy, improving transparency, accountability and communication with the public.

However, that change would come with a \$1,200 unbudgeted expense, if the town purchases the camera used at the meeting. Couns. Tim Smereka and Terri Hampson had requested at the Jan. 21 council meeting that the town administration research options, and this was one of the options.

It was suggested that the camera could also be used by the Recreation Department to record other events for the website and could even potentially be rented to others wishing to make recordings.

"I think it's doable if we can find a way to make revenue from it," Coun. Smereka said. Deputy Mayor Debra McQuinn asked administration to find out the original cost of the camera, and to research the cost of other similar units.

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Town's new EDC laying groundwork for the future

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"What is Economic Development?" That was the question asked of members of the Town of Elk Point's new Economic Development Committee at their March meeting, with the answers ranging from diversity, growth and assets to "the bank account of the community" and committee chair Dwayne Vogel's definition: "It's tools in a tool box, and we need to know how to uses them."

Some of those tools appeared on post-it notes in the next exercise, as the committee did a SWOT analysis of the community, listing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, which were all considered "helpful things to know," with strengths and weaknesses being considered as internal factors, while opportunities and threats were external factors.

More strengths were added to the board than weaknesses and included everything from the availability of land, the airport and a strong volunteer base to world-class hunting and the Iron Horse Trail.

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SWOT TEAM - Elk Point's new Economic Development Committee conducted a SWOT exercise at last week's meeting, determining the community's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Back row, left to right, are chairman Dwayne Vogel, Twila Stafford, Kevin Wirsta, Brant Evans, recording secretary Ken Gwozdz; front, left to right, Travis Warawa, Curtis Porcina, Tim Smereka, Terri Hampson, Penny Fox of Community Futures and John Zhang. The EDC also includes Ryan Hahn.

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Alberta Votes 2019

Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul



Glenn Andersen
Alberta Party

What steps are necessary to improve Alberta's economy?

There are a number of issues with the Alberta economy and unfortunately, none appear to have a quick fix. Firstly, pipeline capacity needs to be increased and to accomplish that regulatory hurdles need to be addressed. Secondly, the continuing Provincial deficit budget due to overspending and declining revenues is adding further strain on the economy.

Finally, although out of our Provincial control, Canadian Canola farmers face an uncertain future as the Canadian and Chinese Governments continue working out their political differences.

What do you feel are the biggest issues facing education in rural areas?

In my opinion, the biggest factor impacting rural schools during the economic downturn is the drop in enrolment. Generally, school funding is based on enrolment and a drop in enrolment has a negative impact on staffing, busing and school operations.

What is your party's plans for improving rural health care?

The Alberta Party is committed to improving the efficiency of health care in Alberta.

The elimination of any AHS management position unfilled for over a year. Deliver cost saving by reforming EMS dispatch and practices so that Paramedics & EMT's are able to spend more time in the community and less at the hospital.

Empower front-line health care professionals to make changes that enhance service delivery, improve patient outcome and reduce costs.

(Please see the Health Care Position Statement @ albertaparty.ca)

What steps should be taken to combat rural crime?

The creation of the Rural Crime Task Force is a good start, however all levels of government need to meet with Alberta Justice to address the ongoing frustrations with crime.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the constituency you are running in?

By far the biggest issue in the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul constituency is the job losses in the Natural Resource sector. The job losses have a huge impact on the school systems, business and overall economy of the Lakeland area.



Kacey Daniels
Independent

What steps are necessary to improve Alberta's economy?

We need a government that does everything it can to ensure that every Albertan Industry can thrive. At this point, we need to send people to China to sort out the Huawei Canola issue. It is hardly worth mentioning pipeline issues as there probably isn't an Albertan that does not realize this. Our current governments both Federally and Provincially have for 4 years been undermining our hydrocarbon sector. This affects all business in Alberta.

What do you feel are the biggest issues facing education in rural areas?

Taking the most basic life skills from the education system is an issue. Priority should not be a balanced budget, it should be having enough staffing to support the students. A career school teacher should not have to take on a second position in order to make ends meet. Making inclusivity more important than learning is a problem when it affects the student body. Empowering students for their future should be priority.

What is your party's plans for improving rural health care?

Health care is one of the most expensive parts of Provincial spending. Wait times are getting out of hand. The only solution for this is more health care workers. I'm aware of certain services that are better handled in one hospital than another in this riding. Specialized services need to be available at all rural hospitals without the patient being able to get better care the next town over.

What steps should be taken to combat rural crime?

The prison systems need to make an offender not want to come back to prison. Light sentences are no deterrent and catch and release isn't either. Make them earn their keep with hard labour and pay them. At least some will be released with some sort of work ethic and a few dollars so they have less reason to re-offend immediately upon release. A larger police force and castle law can only help.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the constituency you are running in?

Unemployment is the issue we need to address. I am sure a lot of people here lay in bed wondering how they are going to keep their heads above water with every aspect of life getting more expensive. I see it daily at work where people want a Band-Aid repair to their vehicle because they can't afford it, but they still have to get around. We have to get our people back to work.



David Garnett-Bennett
Alberta Independence Party

What steps are necessary to improve Alberta's economy?

The single biggest boost that Alberta's economy needs is a trans-Canada pipeline. This could already have been built and delivering our oil to the rest of Canada and the world. But there remains a bigger easier solution. The Fact is that even with out a pipe Alberta can become Prosperous again with one single action: Stop Equalization payments and funnel all of that money back into the hands of Albertans.

What do you feel are the biggest issues facing education in rural areas?

The biggest issues facing rural education is a decline in the numbers of students which, when funding is based on individual per student basis, means programs have had to be cut. Each rural area has different challenges, but it remains that people have moved out of rural areas due to unemployment, or shutdown of businesses. With Alberta money staying in Alberta, instead of being shipped elsewhere, people would be able to have the opportunities and employment again, meaning just like when times were good people would move back out into rural areas and this would no longer be an issue.

What is your party's plans for improving rural health care?

With our party implementing such economic restructuring, as mentioned above, it means health care concerns can finally be properly addressed. The resulting newly made space for innovation means appropriate solutions can finally be brought forth and applied.

What steps should be taken to combat rural crime?

All crime not just rural crime will be addressed with the implementation of a national police force for Alberta, saving over two times the current cost. We have seen with the downfall of the Alberta economy how crime has skyrocketed in rural areas - it stands to reason that when Alberta thrives again, the crime rates will decrease.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the constituency you are running in?

I'll answer it this way. The Alberta Independence Party does not pit one Albertan against another, nor one constituency against another, every single Albertan benefits equally in prosperity. Alberta has been prosperous since 1905 but Alberta's prosperity is being taken by Ottawa and only 20% given back. We are grown up and quite capable of managing our own money... 100% of it. That's an 80% increase in funding for Alberta by Alberta. Albertans have what it takes to work together and prosper, our party is the voice for Albertans who want the freedom to do that.



David Hanson
UCP

What steps are necessary to improve Alberta's economy?

Number one is pipelines to the coast; we have to break the land-lock, largely imposed by foreign interests. We have also released a comprehensive plan to bring back our competitive advantage to make Alberta a more attractive place to invest.

What do you feel are the biggest issues facing education in rural areas?

We are very fortunate to have seen some new builds in our area in recent years and there is still much to do. One issue that I would like to point out is the stresses the failing economy and the carbon tax put on our local boards. When families move away to look for work, we lose the per-capita funding for those students. As well, one board reported spending over \$300,000.00 in 2018 alone on carbon tax; that's the equivalent of 3 full time teaching positions or up to 10 support staff. We need to review the basic funding model for our rural system.

What is your party's plans for improving rural health care?

I am very proud of my part in getting the new Dialysis Unit in Lac La Biche; rural Albertan's should not have to travel hours to get basic services. We have recent announcements addressing health care delivery, cutting surgery wait times is a priority for all Albertan's; urban and rural. Attracting and maintaining rural Doctor's remains a major issue that I have been working with local governments over the past three years to improve on in this constituency. Wrap around services for mental health is also high on my priority list.

What steps should be taken to combat rural crime?

Rural crime has been on everyone's mind, and for good reason. Stats show that in some of our communities crime rose over 250% from 2011. In 2018 we (UCP) engaged a former crown prosecutor to come up with our "Alberta Rural Crime Strategy" Our recent announcements are based on this study. Some of the recommendations we will be implementing involve: Developing a repeat offender policy, reviewing current criminal code sentencing specific to rural crime, hiring 50 new crown prosecutors to ensure offenders are dealt with in the courts. Rural residents should feel safe in their homes.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the constituency you are running in?

Quite simply, Jobs, the Economy and Pipelines; all of the above questions tie in to these main provincial issues. On April 16th, we get our province back, and people are very excited about that.

Vote

Election Day is Tuesday, April 16, 2019



David Inscho
Alberta Advantage Party

What steps are necessary to improve Alberta's economy?

Pipelines are needed going to tide water, whether that's the west coast Churchill or north this is imperative. Pipelines will take years to build. Pipelines do not have years to wait.

The Alberta Advantage Party has a plan that turns many of our orphaned and abandoned oil and gas wells into profitable assets instead a liability to the people of Alberta. Coal is a resource that the AAP wants to export around the world along with our state of the art scrubbing and carbon capture technology.

What do you feel are the biggest issues facing education in rural areas?

In most parts of Alberta the population is declining and costs are increasing this places a larger burden on rural tax payers. A robust and rejuvenated energy sector would assist in stopping this population decline. Cutting red tape for all business including agriculture would also help. More councillors are badly needed in all of our schools.

What is your party's plans for improving rural health care?

Decision making has to be returned to the local level so decisions can be made quickly instead of taking months, when those decisions could be made in days. If the people involved knew the local situations time would be saved. Time is money. The mountains of red tape at all levels of our medical system has to be greatly reduced this kills efficiency and increases the cost of the medical system.

What steps should be taken to combat rural crime?

The AAP's plan is to hire more sheriff's and have them trained to a very high level they would take over all highway patrol duties letting the RCMP deal with rural investigations. We will hire more prosecutors and more provincial judges. Restitution for the victims. Work camps for criminals. You do the crime you do the time. No more fee ride for criminals.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the constituency you are running in?

The economy and crime.



Kari Whan
NDP

What steps are necessary to improve Alberta's economy?

Alberta's economy has been dependent on the resource roller coaster for too long as conservative governments failed to diversify our economy. Rachel Notley has a Made-in-Alberta plan to unlock \$75 billion in global value-added petroleum investment, create 70,000 jobs, and significantly increase the volume of oil and gas upgraded and refined in Alberta. Jason Kenney and the UCP have no plan to diversify our economy, only to give corporations the largest tax giveaway in history.

What do you feel are the biggest issues facing education in rural areas?

Every year, roughly 15,000 additional students walk into Alberta classrooms, which is why Albertans deserve a government that ensures students and teachers have the resources they need. Rachel Notley is promising to ensure students get a good education, build

more schools, fix more playgrounds, expand language programs and protect LGBTQ youth.

What is your party's plans for improving rural health care?

Initiatives like expanding the scope of practice of health professionals and the community paramedic program have been successful, but there is more to do. Rachel unveiled a plan to boost emergency care, cut wait times and get EMS crews back into the community sooner. While Kenney plans to bring American-style health care to Alberta, Rachel has a plan to ensure 40,000 more Albertans will get the surgery they need sooner.

What steps should be taken to combat rural crime?

Our government launched a rural crime strategy, including 59 additional RCMP officers, 20 new crown prosecutors, 40 new RCMP civilian personnel, 4 new provincial court judges, 55 new court clerks and 13 new bail clerks across Alberta. We've already seen a 16% reduction in rural crime since the launch. While Jason Kenney's UCP voted against funding this plan, I'm proud to be running to be part of Rachel Notley's team to keep this work going.

What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the constituency you are running in?

Here in Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, and across Alberta, we are facing a choice about who they can trust to

be their Premier – Jason Kenney who wants one Alberta for the wealthy and one Alberta for the rest of us, and Rachel Notley, a leader who is fighting to protect the things that matter to families in our region, like good jobs, good schools for our kids and good hospitals for our loved ones.

Candidate Forums

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Bonnyville, Dr Brosseau Middle School
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St. Paul Recreation Centre
Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m.

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Early on March 19, Elk Point RCMP received a call regarding an abandoned vehicle. Elk Point members attended the scene and determined the vehicle had been stolen from Mannville on March 16.

The recovered vehicle was filled with items that the police believe to be stolen property. Found items include: Mastercraft circular saw, Mastercraft impact driver, Dewalt angle grinder, Electric grease gun, Powerstroke generator, Mastercraft router, Router bit set, and a Mastercraft jigsaw.

The Elk Point Detachment is seeking the public's assistance to return these items to their rightful owners. If you have any information, please contact the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964 or your local police.

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EDITORIAL

The ice goes out ...everywhere!

The ice plants at the A. G. Ross Arena and the Elk Point Curling Club are turned off for the season, the arena shutdown following this weekend's Jim Vinge Memorial Tournament and one last round of shinny and public skating.

The end of the curling, hockey and skating seasons was expected, and so was the end of the fishing season, but while those who played hockey and skated all escaped largely unscathed, the same cannot be said for some of those who wanted to catch that one last fish before the season closed at nightfall on March 31.

According to bystanders and a towing company, at least five vehicles going through the ice on Kehewin Lake this weekend, some being able to be rescued and at least one disappearing under its chilly waters. No reports have been heard from other lakes, but there could have been some dunkings there as well.

No drownings were reported, but that appears to have been a matter of luck. Stay off all ice, everyone!

YOUR VIEWS



WILD SUCCESS - Former Storm player Jenna Poitras hosts the cup after the Dewberry Wild won gold at a tournament in Cochrane. See all the details on Page 8.



SEASON WINDUP - After an invitation from the Peewee Avalanche to help them wind up their season at their year end party, some of the Elks took to the ice for a fun game of hockey with them. There were smiles all around as both teams were divided evenly and took to the ice for a full three periods! Thanks to the Elks that were able to come out and also thanks to the Elks that gave their sticks away as souvenirs to some of the peewee players.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Ramping up, Provincials win, firefighters fundraiser

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 1 IN...

1984

Elk Point Pioneer Circle had been busy, using a grant to install new floor covering in the hall and to build a ramp from the sidewalk to the west door to permit those in wheelchairs to access the building. Elk Point Curling Club wound up their season with a funspiel where Jim Fell, Vera Hern and Don Buryn claimed first place, Walter Yaremkevich, Maurice Dubuc, Roy Hern and Leonard Gadowski came second and Lena Step, Dave Yake and Don Brooker placed third.

1989

Elk Point Wolverines, Roger DeMoissac, James Makowecki, Brian Makowecki, Jason Morris, Robyn Moroziuk, Aaron McLellan, Doug Irvine, Tyson Stafford, Kyle Sakowsky, Brad Poitras, Kyle Lawrence, Dwayne Porcina, Cody Lawrence, Daniel Lessard, Ashley Lessard, Jeff Lypka and Clayton Holthe, were off to the PeeWee 'D' Provincials.

1994

Elk Point Bantam Lightning Elks made their annual trip to Calgary for the Value Drug Mart Bantam Tournament, winning the 'C' event of the 40-team tourney, Conway Roscoe scoring two goals and Aseni Quinney one in the 3-1 final, and goalie Jeff Mehydyn won the tournament's Most Valuable Goalie trophy.

1999

A petition presented to town council, protesting the installation of curb and gutter as part of a project that included paving and new utility lines, was deemed insufficient, as signatures were not witnessed, addresses weren't correct and the second page did not have a heading with the required information.

2004

Eight sell-out performances came to a standing-ovation end for the Elk Point Community Choir and Friends, with a total of 1,680 ticket holders from as far away as Lac La Biche, Maidstone and Fort Saskatchewan enjoying their visit to 'Oklahoma!'

2009

Bald was beautiful as Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters surrendered their locks in support of four-year-old cancer victim Abby Rybchinsky in front of a packed crowd at the Elk Point Fire Hall on an fundraising evening that included a barbecue supper and a live auction of slave firemen and donated items.

2014

Elk Point town council gave first reading to a bylaw that would rezone a parcel of land along the north side of the north subdivision from R1 Residential to R3 High Density Residential. Teams of junior high students from schools across St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 converged on Elk Point for Math Olympics 2014.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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Library leaders report on challenging year

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

From the Elk Point Library Board chairman to the library manager to the Friends of the Library president, annual reports at their back-to-back meetings indicated that 2018 had been a challenging year, and indicated that 2019 could bring even more struggles.

Board chair Laverne Wilson was happy to report that one challenge had been to prepare a new five-year plan of service, which is required by the Alberta Libraries Branch, to replace the 2014-2018 version, and added that the post-plan review of that document "indicated our goals were achieved. Although," he noted, "the one about a new building didn't get done."

The new Plan of Service, for 2019 to 2023, has the vision of providing "a welcoming, friendly, comfortable, inclusive and safe environment to learn and grow." The library will continue to provide a pleasant environment for patrons, and Wilson emphasized, "Libraries are for everyone." It will be an information centre for community services and resources, and will continue to provide assistance and relevant resources for Indigenous communities in the area, because "Libraries have no borders." Technology and multimedia will be used to help provide literacy for all ages, and it is the board's hope to increase library usage through increased accessibility and promotion of library programs and services, he said.

With the current challenges in the economy, Wilson says that, "to meet the objectives of this plan of service, our library board will need to continue to think budget or 'to do more with less.' This trend will continue until our local economy picks up. We've had hard times before and we've gotten through them." He expressed confidence in the Friends of the Library, volunteers, service providers and the community that "Our library will continue to be here to serve everyone."

Unfortunately that service will be for less hours, starting April 1. In the regular meeting that followed, efforts to balance the budget brought the library board to make a very tough decision, that of cutting hours of operation from 39 hours per week to 32 hours. The

library will now be closed on Saturdays and be open one hour less on other days. See the Library Column on Page 5 for the new hours.

The increase in wages, which started with last summer's minimum wage increase, was the main reason for that move and also for a big cut to the book budget for the coming year, although the Friends of the Library stepped in to indicate that they can help by covering that part of the shortfall.

At the AGM, library manager Daphne Schnurer said that 2018 "was a year of maintaining our operations of the library. With our declining economic situation, our circulation and membership decreased in early 2018," despite the library's continued 12-year tradition of offering free memberships. "There was an increase, however, in staff assistance with the public computers as people were busy printing resumes, job searching and taking online courses," she added.

The library developed a valuable new partnership this year, when the Elk Point Early Childhood Development Council needed to relocate, and although their mandate doesn't allow them to pay rent and library space is limited, the ECDC has added their talents to several successful library events. Another new partnership is with Cornerstone Co-op, which now houses a pop-up library near their front door.

The library hosted a Plan of Service Community Talk, which was hugely successful and provided input from the Indigenous community as well as a wide variety of other local groups and individuals, which proved valuable in creation of the new Plan of Service.

"I cannot say enough about our dedicated and resourceful Friends group, who continue to enhance every aspect of our services, including collection, programs and increased visibility in the community," Schnurer said. "We continue to meet our goals with passion and purpose, focusing on a strong community connection. We are where people meet, whether it's for a book, to attend a program or share a coffee. Our library is where people come together."

With 2018 being "A slow year for making money," Friends of the Library chair Sherry Milholland said, spending was not so slow. "We outdid ourselves this

year, again." The Friends worked six bingos, which netted only \$5,655, "much less than the \$7,500 we cleared last year," she said.

"But we managed to buy \$1,177 worth of magazine subscriptions from our bingo account and \$3,623 worth of shelving, \$4,000 worth of books from Northern Lights and a \$1,011 computer with accessories from our casino account." The Friends also spent \$2,651 from their general account for plumbing, heating and electrical upgrades and \$500 for summer reading program field trip busing.

The Friends have another six bingos this year and will also have a casino. "The bad news, we still get our casino in Camrose, which is way less lucrative than other casinos. The good news is, while we weren't supposed to have a casino until 2020, we have been bumped up a bit and get one in December this year," Milholland said.

The Friends will do the Canada Day Pancake Breakfast again this year, although it isn't a money-maker, she added. "Usually we just break event, which is OK because that's not why we do it. We do it because it is excellent exposure for the library." Three library teas will also continue, she said, adding, "We can't do any of this without our volunteers, and I want to thank everyone for their continued commitment."

Library Board cuts hours

DAPHNE SCHNURER
Library Manager

At the Elk Point Municipal Library Board's Annual Meeting, they were faced with tough decisions regarding the library budget. No increase in funding for 2019 from local councils led to a necessary reduction in hours of operation from 39 hours a week to 32 hours, effective April 1, 2019. This was a necessary reduction in order to balance our budget.

New Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Saturdays and Sundays

Happy Volunteer Week, April 7 to 13, and thanks to our dedicated Friends of the Library group who help to keep our doors open by fundraising. This dedicated group purchases books and resources, shelving and computers, supports programming, hosts the Canada Day Breakfast and has upgraded the library with a new roof, furnace, air conditioning and electrical upgrades. In 2018, they volunteered a total of 1,500 hours, which at \$15 per hour would equal \$22,500.



BE SEEN IN GREEN - The 2nd Chance Trail Ride Society urges everyone to wear green on Sunday, April 7 in support of Organ and Tissue Donation, carrying on the legacy of Bronco Logan Boulet.

April 7 is Green Shirt Day

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

On April 6, 2018, many lives were changed forever by the Humboldt Broncos bus crash. Of the 29 passengers, sixteen lost their lives and thirteen will all bear physical and emotional scars for life. On April 7, when defenceman Logan Boulet succumbed to his injuries, his parents, offered to donate his organs so that six lives could live on. Logan had registered as an organ donor, inspired by a former coach who passed away in

2017, who was an organ donor and had saved six lives.

As news spread of Boulet's organ donation, over 100,000 people registered to become donors in the days and weeks that followed, the largest number of Canadians registering to become organ donors in Canadian history due to one person.

Sunday, April 7 is Green Shirt Day, honouring, remembering, and recognizing all the victims and families of that fatal crash, and hoping to continue Logan's legacy, by inspiring Canadians to talk to their families and register as organ donors.

Winners

Elk Point Community Lions report that the Trip of the Month April winner of a vacation in Seattle is Jennifer Crawford from Elk Point. The \$100 winners are Kevin Wirsta of Elk Point and Travis Kiziak of Derwent. Congratulations to all three of these supporters of the Community Lions of Elk Point!

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EDC

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Weaknesses ranged from the community's dependence on the oil industry to the lack of high speed Internet and a perceived unwillingness for change. Tourism, agriculture, gaps in the retail sector and a ready and willing labour force were among the opportunities, while the economic slowdown, decreases in government grants and increasing interest rates were seen as threats.

One of Elk Point's former Economic Development coordinators, Bob Bezpalko, spent four years in that position. He is now the Executive Director of Regional Economic Development with Northeast Alberta HUB, and told today's counterparts that he had been through a number of similar exercises in the past. Now he

works with nine counties and 36 communities, which include 10 villages, "nine of them barely hanging on."

Bezpalko explained economic development as "establishing and championing a vision that defines what the community wants to become," and warned that "Economic development must be a regional activity that crosses jurisdictional lines" to be successful.

He outlined Alberta HUBs strategic goals, which include investment attraction, expansion and retention, business support and entrepreneurship, enhancing community readiness for investment, and marketing.

"Chambers of commerce can change policy at the federal level," he pointed out. "Events are needed, but shouldn't be the main focus."

Bezpalko spoke on regional capacity building and enhancing community readiness, and said that he has developed quality of life fact sheets for the communities in his area, including Elk Point.

plastic pellets that can be used to produce other items.

He also pointed out a potential investment opportunity in aerospace technology and defence, opportunities in producing drones used in agriculture, tourism and the oil and gas industry, and the Northeast Alberta Value Added Agriculture Initiative at the Portage College Food Sciences Centre.

Bezpalko listed regional programs, such as broadband internet, transportation and connections to global markets in his presentation.

He urged the EDC to define the roles that elected officials, the chamber of commerce, the EDC, local schools, real estate companies and financial institutes play in economic development as they create a long term plan, and to be focused, to collaborate and "be prepared to switch."

Following Bezpalko's presentation, Vogel asked the EDC, "What is it we are tasked to do?"

"We need to narrow down our focus," Terri Hampson said.

"We're more than an oil town. Some people don't realize that. We need to look at all our strengths," Kevin Wirsta added.

"What do we need to be happy with who we are?" Penny Fox asked. "We've got to know who we are first."

"What's out there, what's doing OK, are we friendly, are we ready?" were some of the other answers to Vogel's question.



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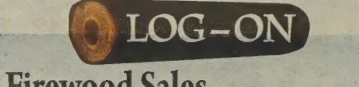


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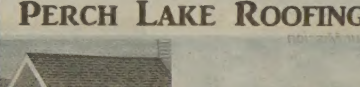
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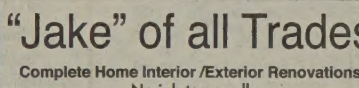
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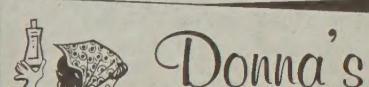


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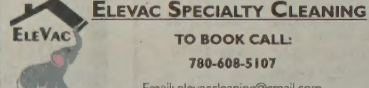
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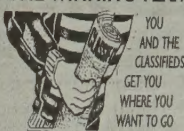
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passed away at the age of 88
years. She is survived by her
loving husband of 67 years,
Joe; 4 daughters, Micheline
(Rob) Walker of Elk Point,
Diane (Marc) Gareau of
Edmonton, Danielle (Doug)
Hay of Edmonton & Claire-
Anne (Brian Dawson)
Bouchard of Hay River,
NWT; 8 grandchildren,
Genevieve (Phil), Stefan,
Joshua, Jeannette (Adrian),
Erin, Julien (Shannon), Cale
(Fion) & Georgia; 5 great-
grandchildren, Madison,
Maxim, Mason, Eva & Violet;
10 siblings, Margo (Nick),
Andre (Elsie), Denise (Don),
Cecile, Emile, Francoise,
Juliette, Raoul (Louise),
Jean (Renee) & Etienne
(Coleen). Mrs. Bouchard was
predeceased by her parents,
Herve & Marie Anne Johnson;
son, Jacques; daughters,
Marie & Johanne; sister,
Therese; brothers, Clement
& Jacques. A Memorial Mass
will be held on Saturday,
April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at St.
Michael's Roman Catholic
Church, Elk Point. Reverend
Father Gerard Gauthier will
be the celebrant, with private
inurnment in Holy Family
Roman Catholic Cemetery,
Bonnyville at a later date.
Cremation has taken place.
If desired, donations may
be made to Alzheimer
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Pulling the plug - the hockey season's over

And now, end is here, and so the time has come for the final curtain. The hockey season is officially over. Tomorrow we will pull the plug on the ice play.

This past weekend we held the annual Jim Vinge Memorial Tournament to wind up the season. This is the ninth year running and it still brings out a ton of fun for everyone, the players, parents and fans. What a great way to honor a man who I personally know would do anything to help keep the arena up and running. Five teams as usual. Each team with a captain and goalie drafting players of every level and age from 18 to 65 to make up their roster. From ex-Junior As such as Jordan 'Krank' Krankowsky and Jordyn 'Fuzzy' Wozniak to B & R Bullets Alumni such as myself. Big thanks goes out to Leanne Vinge and her family, the tournament committee, all the concession workers, bar workers and anyone else who volunteered to make this a huge success. As Jim would say, "You're the best!"

Big news in out-of-town action this past weekend. Our very own Elk



Point's Jenna 'Precious' Poitras and the Dewberry Wild Female Midget team won the gold medal in the Annual Midget B Female Spring Classic down in Cochrane this past weekend. Her mother Lori is the Wild team manager. She came to the team with a ton of experience; Lori

was the team manager with the Storm girls for four years and many times in the past for the Avalanche boys' teams. Other former Storm players on the Wild included Jace 'the Jackhammer' Weidmark who was named the fastest skater in the skills competition., Jelena 'Prime Time' Parr, Laramie 'Louis' Parr and Ashley 'Hacksaw' Hunter. Some of the other players include the one with the hardest shot in the skills competition, Jenna Bowman, and the Wild goalie Shelby Hinecker who won the goaltender challenge.

The newly formed Dewberry Wild team coached by former Storm coach Art Parr, Glen Whittaker and Sydnie Ronyk played in their very first year in the North Central Female league and had a very successful season making it

into the third round of Provincial Round Robin before being beaten out by Lac La Biche. As well they ended playing one round in the playoffs. Maybe could have been more except they met up against the number one seeded team from Irma.

The Wild decided to enter the Cochrane tournament way back in December as a nice way to get some team bonding, shopping and fun for the girls and parents to end the year. Winning it all was a bonus they hadn't even considered at the time. The first game on Thursday against Edmonton the Wild came out of the chute flying, winning 5 to 2. After that the Wild Ones never really looked back. Although it wasn't nearly as easy in the second game, they really had to work for the win. The second game on Friday Jenna 'Precious' Poitras scored the eventual game winner against Calgary and was given the hard hat award by her teammates for always being so positive. 'Precious' scored the only goal until the final minute when the Wild would add an empty netter. The third game Saturday morning was much easier, the Wild winning 7 to 1 over Rocky, sending them to the semi final game later that day at 5:30 against the host Cochrane. The Wild down 2 to 1 after the first period and 3 to 2 after 40 minutes, it looked like the Wild may have reach the end of the line. Start packing up the camper and going home a day

earlier after all. But not so, the tension grows, the coaches giving them a pep rally in the dressing room. In the third they poured on the coal, working together as a team they tied the game, Wild horses couldn't hold them down now. Bang, bang, bang into the mesh, the Wild winning 7 to 3 sending them to the final on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. against Calgary. One all the score after the first period, the Wild pulling out all the stops with a huge rally in the second period pouring it on, pumping in three unanswered goals, 4 to 1 after 40 minutes. Into the third period nothing was going to stop them now the Wild could see the checkered victory flag and kept the foot on the gas winning 5 to 1. Gold medal for the Wild and a wild, wild ride home and bragging rights for the whole summer!!

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." - Vince Lombardi.



GREAT MEMORIES on display...



DEWBERRY WILD refused to be tamed by the opposing teams at the Cochrane Rockies Midget Female tournament, bringing home the gold medals.



FRIENDS, FAMILY AND TEAMMATES of the late Jim Vinge gathered once again to salute his memory at the annual Memorial tournament this weekend.

Council

(Continued from Front Page)

High speed broadband

Council met with Brian Krest of ATCO regarding high speed broadband internet and learned that since last August, small communities have been asking for help in getting connected as a source for businesses. "We were still trying to figure it out. ATCO has the lines and also has a relationship with the communities."

He told council ATCO has been talking to the communities, looking at costs, pros and cons. "Ultimately, the choice has to be made by the communities. We can advise, but you must make the decision."

Krest said the communities have been urged to look outside their borders and at the surrounding region. "Look at what's going on around you," as rural residents and businesses might also want to be connected.

Looking at a high speed broadband as a provincial perspective for all communities, which Krest called "a very serious venture," ATCO moved research on wide-spread connection "to a space lab to give it the once-over." "ATCO is going to make a profit from this, but there has to be an upside for you. You would need a broadband feasibility plan, you need to know

why you're looking at the issue. Know the 'why', build a map of your boundaries, evaluate whether you want your own ISP, with web and email and look at content considerations, and figure out your priorities." Mayor Lorne Young noted that "Service Alberta keeps suggesting they have a plan; are you part of it? They are talking to us and there has been a lot of great work done. For us to ignore that would be at all best, arrogant."

"Even if the province releases a plan, it's not going to change anything," Bob Bezpalko of North East Alberta HUB told council "The federal government and the CRTC are concentrating on infrastructure. The government is well intentioned but is that going to change things? I hope all three levels of government get aligned, if I have choices, that is the bottom line."

Krest said he has been keeping in touch with the CRTC, "and they collect fees from carriers. I like that."

Bylaws of the past

CAO Ken Gwozdz told council that he has 18 bylaws from years past that are no longer needed and should be rescinded. "What do you want to do with these?"

Council asked to be sent the bylaws so they could review them briefly between now and the May 27 meeting, and would

also appreciate a summary sheet which would list the title of each and why they should be rescinded, for example, if they had been replaced by a newer bylaw. The bylaws will return to the May 27 agenda to be rescinded or otherwise dealt with.

Loan guarantees

Council passed two bylaws renewing the town's loan guarantees for the Allied Arts and Chamber of Commerce, as requested by Servus Credit Union. It was noted that the guarantee for the Allied Arts is shared with the County of St. Paul. Both groups are presently working hard to pay down their loans and are making monthly payments on the principal amounts.

Fee schedule

A new Fee Schedule Bylaw, replacing its 1995 counterpart and with the attached fee schedule including additions of a \$50 fireworks permit fee, fees for more recently added equipment, fees for rezoning and land use bylaw amendment applications, also received all three readings.

Alcohol

Further discussion of the Alcohol at Town Functions Policy resulted in the passage of a motion declaring that no employee will be reimbursed for alcohol and that the town will not pay for alcohol at any function.

Car smash

A request to hold a car smash on Canada Day, coordinated by the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department, and allowing participants to take a few whacks at the vehicles, which would then be rolled over and used for a demonstration of victim extrication and the Jaws of Life, was brought to council. The request listed the street in front of the A. G. Ross Arena as the location and noted that all fluids would be removed from the vehicles, and all debris would be cleaned up after the demonstration.

Mayor Lorne Young pointed out that that location includes the fire lane which is being strictly enforced, and that an emergency call could result in the debris being left there while the firefighters were responding. "But it's a great idea, I want it to happen, just not there. It needs some more research on the location."

Council approved holding the smash, provided an off-street location was used.

No chickens here

A request from a local resident to keep six to 12 chickens in a backyard pen was denied, as the Land Use Bylaw does not permit this use, and council is "not prepared to entertain this request at this time." Noise and odors were among the reasons stated by councillors, who agreed to uphold the bylaw.

Tax incentive

A landowner who built an infill single-family house meeting the criteria of the town's Tax Incentive Policy and located in a permitted area has requested the tax reduction as per the policy. Administration was directed to apply the policy toward the property taxes, for the municipal portion only.

Building relationships

Town council is hoping to build relationships with two oilfield businesses in the area. Stanchuk Trucking has increased their presence in the area due to a shift in workload, and will be sent a letter from the mayor's office inviting that company to consider establishing a satellite office here. A letter will also be sent to CNRL inviting them to join the community in building a strong working relationship.

Earlier decisions

Following discussions in closed sessions at the end of the March 11 meeting, council approved a motion to sell the town-owned curling rink to the Elk Point and District Curling Association for \$1 and to continue to pay in the form of a grant to the association the building insurance.

A second motion approved the leasing of the old water reservoir to the Elk Point and District Lions from April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2028 for the sum of \$1.